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631 Art. 63. The executive organs of the Soviets of Working People's Deputies are directly accountable both to the Soviets of Working People's Deputies which elected them and to the executive organs of the respective superior Soviets of Working People's Deputies.

Art. 64. The superior Executive Committees of the Soviets of Working People's Deputies have the right to annul decisions and orders of inferior Executive Committees and to suspend decisions and orders of inferior Soviets of Working People's Deputies.

Art. 65. The superior Soviets of Working People's Deputies have the right to annul decisions and orders of inferior Soviets of Working People's Deputies and of their Executive Committees.

632 Art. 66. The district Soviets of Working People's Deputies set up the following Departments of their Executive Committees:

a Department of Land
a Department of Finance
a Department of Trade
a Department of Public Health
a Department of Public Education
a Department of Local Industry
a Department of The Municipal Economy
a Department of Labor
a Department of Roads
a General Department
a Planning Commission, and a Cadres Sector

under the Chairman of the Executive Committees and in addition, in accordance with the specific features of the economy of the district, the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies may set up other Departments or Administrations subject to confirmation by the corresponding Ministries.

[625] Art. 67. The all-Union Ministries and the Ministry of Internal Affairs set up their Administrations under the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies in accordance with the conditions of the district and on the basis of the laws of the USSR and of the Estonian SSR.

Art. 68. The Departments and Administrations of the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies are subordinate in their activities both to the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies and their Executive Committees and to the corresponding Ministries of the Estonian SSR.

633 Art. 69. The city Soviets of Working People's Deputies set up the following Departments of their Executive Committees:

a Department of Public Health
a Department of the Municipal Economy
a Department of Labour
a Department of Public Education
a General Department
a Department of Social Maintenance
a Department of Trade
a Department of Finance
a Planning Commission
a Cadres Sector

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633 under the Chairman of the Executive Committee and, in addition, in accordance with the specific features of the city's industry and its suburban and municipal economy,

a Department of Local Industry and
a Department of Land.

Art. 70. The Departments of the city Soviets of Working People's Deputies are subordinate in their activities both to the respective city Soviets of Working People's Deputies and their Executive Committees and to the corresponding Departments of the district Soviets of Working People's Deputies.

Art. 71. The Departments of the Tallin, Tartu, Narva, Pyarnu and Paldiski City Soviets of Working People's Deputies are subordinate in their activities both to the Soviets of Working People's Deputies of those cities and their Executive Committees and to the corresponding Ministry of the Estonian SSR directly.

631 Art. 72. On the expiration of the terms of office of the Soviets of Working People's Deputies, their executive and administrative organs retain their powers until the newly elected Soviets shall have formed new executive and administrative organs.

Chapter VI. The Budget of the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic

652 Art. 73. The state budget of the Estonian SSR is drawn up by the Council [645] of Ministers of the Estonian SSR and submitted by it to the Supreme Soviet of the Estonian SSR for its approval.

Upon its approval by the Supreme Soviet of the Estonian SSR the 646 state budget of the Estonian SSR is published for general information.

Art. 74. The Supreme Soviet of the Estonian SSR elects a Budget Commission, which reports its conclusions on the state budget of the Estonian SSR to the Supreme Soviet.

Art. 75. The report on the fulfilment of the state budget of the Estonian SSR is approved by the Supreme Soviet of the Estonian SSR and published for general information.

631 Art. 76. The budgets of the district, city, volost, settlement and village [652] Soviets include the revenues from the local economy, deductions from the state revenues collected within their territory and likewise receipts from local taxes and imposts in amounts fixed by the laws of the USSR and the Estonian SSR.

Chapter VII. The Courts and the Procurator's Office

692 Art. 77. In the Estonian SSR justice is administered by the Supreme Court of the Estonian SSR, the District Courts, the Special Courts of the USSR established by decision of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, and the People's Courts.

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Their Time of Meeting is in *January*, when they decide all Differences betwixt Parties, in a very ſhort Method, there being no more allowed than a Declaration and Anſwer, upon which they give immediate Judgment. At the ſame time they alſo redreſs the Grievances of the People, if they have any to offer; for which Purpoſe they chooſe every three Year a certain Gentleman, who is for that ſpace of time ſtiled the Captain of the Province, whoſe Buſineſs is to repreſent their Grievances to this Council, and to implore their Aid. The greateſt Troubles in their Law Suits ariſe from the Confuſion ariſen betwixt the Eſtates in *Harriland*, *Wirland* and *Wieke*, about their Limits, during the Wars with the *Muſcovites* and *Poles*; to decide theſe Differences, certain particular Judges are appointed, who nevertheleſs are never continued above three Years in the ſame Station; but if either of the Parties find themſelves aggrieved by their Judgment, an Appeal lies to the Council of the Country, who appoint Commiſſioners living upon the Spot, with Authority to reverſe or confirm the former Judgment. And becauſe peculiar Care ought to be taken of the High-ways, Bridges and Cauſe-ways in a Fenny Country, certain Surveyers or Judges are alſo appointed for that purpoſe.

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The Government of the Cities approaches much nearer to a Democratical State, being better fitted for Traffick than any other; for tho' the Adminiſtration of Juſtice is lodged in the Magiſtrates, yet in moſt Matters of Moment they are obliged to conſult with the chief Men of every *Guild* or Profeſſion, and in ſome extraordinary Matters, they cannot tranſact any Thing without the Conſent of the whole Body of the Free-Men of their reſpective Cities.

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We will not inſiſt much upon their other Cuſtoms and Manners, being much the ſame with the reſt of the *Germans*, it being the conſtant Cuſtom of the *Livonian* Nobility, as well as the chief Inhabitants of the Cities, to ſend their Sons Abroad into Foreign Countries, and eſpecially to the Univerſities of *Germany* and *Holland*, to inſtruct them in the Policy as well as Cuſtoms of thoſe Countries.

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